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Supporting Information

Copper-Catalyzed Aminothiolation of Terminal Alkynes with Tunable Regioselectivity

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General Information

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Analytical TLC was performed on glass-backed plates pre-coated with silica gel, which were visualized by UV fluorescence (λ max = 254 nm) and/or by staining with 1% w/v KMnO₄ in 0.5 M aqueous K₂CO₃. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a 500 MHz spectrometer (¹H: 500 MHz, ¹³C: 125 MHz), using CDCl₃ or d⁶-DMSO as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard at room temperature. All ¹H NMR spectra are reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield of TMS and were measured relative to the signals at 7.26 ppm (CHCl₃). All ¹³C NMR spectra were reported in ppm relative to residual CHCl₃ (77.0 ppm) and were obtained with ¹H-decoupling. Data for ¹H NMR are described as following: chemical shift (δ in ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quin, quintet; sep, septet; m, multiplet; br, broad signal), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are described in terms of chemical shift (δ in ppm). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on an ESI-Q-TOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were measured on X4 melting point apparatus and uncorrected.

1-(Prop-2-ynyl)-1*H*-indole $\mathbf{1w}$,^[1] ligand 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phenanthroline (**L-2**),^[2] and 2-[(*E*)-1,2-diiodoethenyl] pyridine ($\mathbf{1n'}$)^[3] were prepared according to the reported procedures.

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions.[a]

Entry	Solvent	Catalyst	Yield of 3aa
			(%) ^[b]
1	CH ₃ CN	CuI	83
$2^{[c]}$	CH ₃ CN	CuI	64
3	EtOH	CuI	79
4	MeOH	CuI	75
5	i-PrOH	CuI	56
6	THF	CuI	33
7	1,4-dioxane	CuI	26
8	DME	CuI	35
9 [d]	DMSO	CuI	24
$10^{[d]}$	CH ₃ CN	CuBr	59
11 ^[d]	CH ₃ CN	CuCl	55
12 ^[d]	CH ₃ CN	CuCN	42
13 ^[d]	CH ₃ CN	$CuBr_2$	51
14 ^[d]	CH ₃ CN	Cu(OTf) ₂	47
15 ^[e]	CH ₃ CN	CuI	75

[a] Reaction conditions: 1a (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.26 mmol), catalyst (0.02 mmol), ligand **L-1** (0.04 mmol), I₂ (0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), solvent (1 mL) under air at 80 °C for 17 h. [b] Isolated yield after column chromatography. [c] The reaction was run at 90 °C using 0.2 mmol of **2a**. [d] 0.20 mmol of **2a** (1.0 equiv) was used. [e] 0.28 mmol of **2a** (1.4 equiv) was used.

Control experiment

The reaction was run at rt for 5 min and then GC-MS of the reaction mixture was checked. The peak of starting material 1a' almost disappeared and new big peak of alkyne 1a appeared, while product 4aa was not detected. It seems that under the above conditions the conversion of 1,2-diiodoalkene 1a' to alkyne 1a was much faster than the reaction of 1a' with 2a affording 4aa.

General Procedure A for the synthesis of 3-substituted thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazoles 3 (GP-A)

To a Schlenk tube (10 mL) were added I₂ (0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), **2** (0.26 mmol), CuI (0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (0.04 mmol), alkyne **1** (0.2 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN sequentially under air and then the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min. The tube was then sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 17 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

General Procedure B for the synthesis of 3-substituted thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazoles 3 (GP-B)

To a Schlenk tube (10 mL) were added I₂ (0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), **2** (0.20 mmol), CuI (0.05 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (0.10 mmol), alkyne **1** (0.8 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN sequentially under air and then the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min. The tube was then sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 64 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

General Procedure C for the synthesis of 2-substituted thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazoles 4 (GP-C)

To a Schlenk tube (10 mL) were added **2a** (0.26 mmol), I₂ (0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol), CuI (0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phenanthroline (**L-2**) (0.06 mmol), alkyne **1** (0.2 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO sequentially under air and then the resulting

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 min. The tube was then sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 40 $^{\circ}$ C for 17 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EA (20 mL), washed with water (10 mL) and brine (2 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Filtration, concentration, and purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel afforded the desired products 4.

Syntheses and characterization of 3-substituted thiazolo[3, 2-a|benzimidazoles (3)

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3aa)[4]



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.5 mg, 0.39 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene (27.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (47.9 mg, 83%). Mp 198–199 °C. (lit. Mp 199–201 °C). ¹**H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.60 (s, 1 H); ¹³**C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 157.0, 148.7, 136.3, 132.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.3, 127.8, 123.4, 120.5, 119.3, 111.4, 107.7.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ba)^[4]



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.6 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.0 mg, 0.41 mmol), 4-bromophenylacetylene (36.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (43.2 mg, 65%). Mp 198–199 °C. (lit. Mp 205–206 °C). **1H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (s, 1 H); ¹³C **NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 157.0, 148.7, 133.0, 132.2, 130.2, 129.9, 128.2, 124.5, 123.5, 120.5, 119.3, 111.4, 107.7.

3-(4-Fluorophenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ca)^[5,6]

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.8 mg, 0.41 mmol), 4-fluorophenylacetylene (24.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.7 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (46.0 mg, 85%). Mp 159–160 °C (lit. [5] Mp 145–147 °C; lit. [6] Mp 174–177°C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.7 (d, J = 250.9 Hz), 157.0, 148.7, 133.1, 130.9 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 130.0, 125.5 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.4, 120.5, 119.3, 116.2 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 111.4, 107.4.

3-(4-Cyanophenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3da)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.1 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.7 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-ethynylbenzonitrile (25.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.7 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1 to 1/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (42.2 mg, 76%). Mp 249–252 °C.

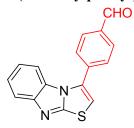
¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ 8.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (s, 1 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 156.6, 148.2, 133.4, 133.0, 131.8, 129.6, 123.2, 120.6, 118.8, 118.4, 112.6, 111.6, 110.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{10}N_3S$ [M+H]⁺: 276.0590. Found: 276.0586.

3-(4-Nitrophenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ea)[4]

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.0 mg, 0.41 mmol), 1-ethynyl-4-nitrobenzene (29.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1 to 1/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (31.5 mg, 54%). Mp 256–258 °C. (lit. Mp 258–260 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.47 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 156.6, 148.2, 135.1, 131.5, 130.0, 129.6, 124.2, 123.3, 120.6, 118.9, 111.7, 111.5.

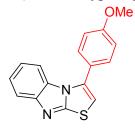
3-(4-Formylphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a|benzimidazole (3fa)



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-ethynylbenzaldehyde (25.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.1 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (34.0 mg, 62%). Mp 185–186 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.14 (s, 1 H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.09 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.74 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.2, 157.1, 148.7, 137.2, 134.9, 133.0, 130.1, 129.9, 129.1, 123.6, 120.7, 119.5, 111.5, 109.1; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{11}N_2OS[M+H]^+$: 279.0587. Found: 279.0581.

3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ga)[4,5]



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-ethynyl-4-methoxybenzene (26.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (46.0 mg, 82%). Mp 149–150 °C. (lit. Mp 148–150 °C).

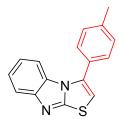
¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.08-7.00 (m, 3 H), 6.49 (s, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.9, 157.1, 148.7, 134.0, 130.2, 130.1, 123.2, 121.5, 120.2, 119.1, 114.3, 111.6, 106.2, 55.4.

3-(4-Propylphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ha)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.3 mg, 0.41 mmol), 1-ethynyl-4-propylbenzene (29.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.9 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (47.4 mg, 80%).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.53 (s, 1 H), 2.71 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.79-1.67 (m, 2 H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 148.7, 145.0, 134.3, 130.1, 128.9, 128.6, 126.6, 123.2, 120.3, 119.1, 111.7, 106.6, 37.8, 24.3, 13.8; HRMS calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}N_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 293.1107. Found: 293.1108.

3-(4-Methylphenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ia)[4-6]



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-ethynyltoluene (23.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.7 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (47.4 mg, 80%). Mp 120–122 °C. (lit.^[4] Mp 118–121 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.54 (s, 1 H), 2.49 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 148.7, 140.3, 134.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.7, 126.5, 123.2, 120.3, 119.1, 111.7, 106.6, 21.4.

3-Phenylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ja)[4-6]

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.6 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.2 mg, 0.40

mmol), phenylacetylene (21.9 μ L, d = 0.93 g/mL, 20.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (44.0 mg, 88%). Mp 137–138 °C. (lit.^[4] Mp 138–140 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.61-7.52 (m, 3 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 148.7, 134.3, 130.12, 130.08, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 123.4, 120.4, 119.2, 111.7, 107.2.

3-(3,5-Bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ka)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.7 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-ethynyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene (35.4 μ L, d = 1.346 g/mL, 47.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.1 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (62.1 mg, 80%). Mp 120–122 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 2 H), 8.11 (s, 1 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 148.8, 132.8 (q, J = 33.6 Hz), 131.6, 131.0, 129.8, 128.79, 128.77, 123.9, 123.7 (sep, J = 3.6 Hz), 122.8 (q, J = 273.1 Hz), 121.1, 119.8, 110.9, 110.3; HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_9F_6N_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 387.0385. Found: 387.0393.

3-Thiophen-2-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3la)^[4,5]

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-ethynylthiophene (21.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (30.1 mg, 59%). Mp 94–95 °C. (lit. [4] Mp 94–95°C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (t, J

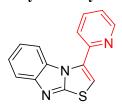
= 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 148.5, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 123.5, 120.6, 119.2, 111.5, 109.4.

3-Thiophen-2-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ma)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.40 mmol), 3-ethynylthiophene (21.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.7 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (40.1 mg, 80%). Mp 144–147 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, J = 4.5, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.62 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 148.5, 130.0, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.4, 123.4, 120.6, 119.1, 111.4, 107.4; HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_9N_2S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 257.0202. Found: 257.0204.

3-Pyridin-2-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3na)[4]



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.5 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-ethynylpyridine (21.5 mg, 0.21 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1 to 1/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (39.9 mg, 76%). Mp 163–165 °C. (lit. Mp 168–170 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.89-7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (dd, J = 6.8, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.90 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 149.5, 148.62, 148.58, 137.2, 134.5, 130.6, 124.2, 123.4, 122.9, 120.5, 118.9, 113.9, 110.1.

3-Pyridin-4-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3oa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.9 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine (20.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.8 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/2, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (33.6 mg, 66%). Mp 144–147 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.85 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.60 (d, J = 4.5, 1.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 150.7, 148.7, 137.1, 131.7, 129.8, 123.8, 122.6, 120.9, 119.6, 111.5, 110.0; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃S [M+H]⁺: 252.0590. Found: 252.0599.

3-(Cyclohexen-1-yl)thiazolo[3,2-a|benzimidazole (3pa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.0 mg, 0.41 mmol), 1-ethynylcyclohex-1-ene (21.8 mg, 0.21 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (24.4 mg, 47%). Mp 154–155 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 6.26-6.20 (m, 1 H), 2.43-2.35 (m, 2 H), 2.34-2.25 (m, 2 H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2 H), 1.83-1.74 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 148.6, 136.2, 132.4, 130.0, 127.6, 123.1, 120.5, 119.1, 111.3, 105.1, 28.2, 25.3, 22.4, 21.6; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{15}N_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 255.0951. Found: 255.0962.

3-(Triethylsilyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3qa)

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.9 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), (triethylsilyl)acetylene (112.4 mg, 0.80 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The

crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (42.0 mg, 72%).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83-7.65 (m, 2 H), 7.29 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (s, 1 H), 1.03-0.80 (m, 15 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 148.7, 132.7, 130.7, 123.0, 120.6, 119.9, 119.4, 111.2, 7.2, 3.2; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}N_2SSi [M+H]^+$: 289.1190. Found: 289.1194.

3-(Trimethylsilyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ra)

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (52.4 mg, 0.21 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.5 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), (trimethylsilyl)acetylene (79.6 mg, 0.81 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (30.4 mg, 61%).

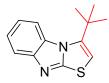
¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (s, 1 H), 0.45 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5, 148.5, 135.4, 130.6, 123.0, 120.6, 119.3, 118.9, 111.4, -1.1; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₂SSi [M+H]⁺: 247.0720. Found: 247.0719.

3-(Cyclopropyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3sa)[6]

The reaction was performed following **GP-B** with CuI (9.4 mg, 0.05 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (18.0 mg, 0.10 mmol), I_2 (50.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.40 mmol), cyclopropylacetylene (67.8 μ L, d = 0.78 g/mL, 52.9 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 100 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (28.9 mg, 68%). Mp 82–83 °C. (lit. Mp 101–103 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.30 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.24-2.15 (m, 1 H), 1.18-1.12 (m, 2 H), 0.91-0.83 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 148.5, 135.8, 130.3, 123.2, 120.6, 119.0, 111.3, 104.5, 8.6, 6.1.

3-tert-Butylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ta)^[4,7]



The reaction was performed following GP-B with CuI (9.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), 1,10-

phen (**L-1**) (17.9 mg, 0.10 mmol), I_2 (51.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.2 mg, 0.41 mmol), 3,3-dimethylbut-1-yne (98.5 μ L, d = 0.667 g/mL, 65.7 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 100 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (28.0 mg, 61%). Mp 48–50 °C. (lit. [4] Mp 49–50 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.40 (s, 1 H), 1.59 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 148.8, 143.9, 130.1, 123.1, 120.4, 119.3, 114.0, 102.9, 33.5, 28.5.

3-Butylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ua)[4,6]

The reaction was performed following **GP-B** with CuI (9.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (18.1 mg, 0.10 mmol), I_2 (51.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), hex-1-yne (91.9 μ L, d = 0.715 g/mL, 65.7 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 100 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (34.5 mg, 74%). Mp 86–88 °C. (lit.^[4] Mp 85–87 °C).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.31 (s, 1 H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.86-1.76 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 2 H), 1.01 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 148.5, 134.5, 130.1, 123.1, 120.6, 119.1, 110.8, 103.7, 28.8, 28.0, 22.2, 13.7.

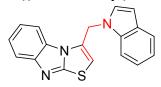
N,N-Dimethylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-methanamine (3va)

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-dimethylamino-2-propyne (66.6 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (30.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (27.4 mg, 59%).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (s, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 2 H), 2.34 (s, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 148.4, 131.8, 130.3, 123.3, 120.8, 118.8, 112.6, 107.7, 56.5, 45.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}N_3S$ [M+H]⁺: 232.0903.

Found: 232.0910.

3-((1H-Indol-1-yl)methyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3wa)



The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.6 mg, 0.019 mmol), 1,10-phen (7.1 mg, 0.039 mmol), I_2 (51.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.5 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-(2-propyn-1-yl)-1*H*-indole (30.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a white solid (22.5 mg, 37%). Mp 195–198 °C.

¹**H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.4 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.35-7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1 H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.54 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.00 (s, 1 H), 5.64 (s, 2 H); ¹³**C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 157.2, 148.3, 136.1, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 127.3, 123.8, 122.6, 121.5, 121.3, 120.4, 119.5, 110.5, 109.1, 107.4, 103.4, 43.9; **HRMS** calcd for $C_{18}H_{14}N_{3}S$ [M+H]⁺: 304.0903. Found: 304.0904.

3-Phenoxymethylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3xa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.2 mg, 0.41 mmol), phenyl propargyl ether (26.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.6 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (50.0 mg, 88%). Mp 121–122 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 5.28 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 156.8, 148.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 123.5, 122.2, 121.2, 119.1, 115.0, 111.6, 109.9, 62.3; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2OS$ [M+H]*: 281.0743. Found: 281.0750.

3-Phenylthiomethylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ya)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), phenyl propargyl sulfide (29.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.1 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified

by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a liquid (37.2 mg, 63%). Mp 121-123 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 6 H), 6.23 (s, 1 H), 4.33 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 148.4, 13.1, 132.4, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.1, 123.4, 120.9, 119.2, 111.5, 107.6, 32.7; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 297.0515. Found: 297.0515.

Thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-ethanol (3za)



The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.2 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.9 mg, 0.41 mmol), 3-butyn-1-ol (60.6 μ L, d = 0.926 g/mL, 56.1 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (29.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/3 to pure EA, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a liquid (21.0 mg, 49%). Mp 128–129 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (s, 1 H), 4.15 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.08-3.92 (brs, 1 H), 3.28 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.1, 147.9, 131.5, 129.9, 123.4, 120.9, 118.8, 110.9, 106.0, 59.1, 31.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₁N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 219.0587. Found: 219.0586.

Thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-(phenyl)methanol (3Aa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.2 mg, 0.41 mmol), 1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (26.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1) to afford the title compound as a liquid (26.6 mg, 48%).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 3 H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (s, 1 H), 6.11 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 147.6, 139.2, 136.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 123.4, 121.0, 118.3, 113.0, 108.9, 69.4; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2OS [M+H]^+$: 281.0743. Found: 281.0741.

Thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-propan-2-ol (3Ba)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I₂ (51.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol (19.4 μ L, d = 0.868 g/mL, 16.8 mg 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.6 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (25.2 mg, 54%). Mp 150–151 °C. ¹H **NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 8.32 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (s, 1 H), 4.46-3.66 (brs, 1 H), 1.67 (s, 6 H); ¹³C **NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCI₃)** δ 157.6, 148.0, 140.6, 130.3, 123.3, 120.8, 118.2, 115.9, 104.4, 69.1, 28.7; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₂H₁₃N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 233.0743. Found: 233.0735.

Thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-hexan-1-ol (3Ca)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-octyn-3-ol (25.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (30.9 mg, 55%).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.38 (s, 1 H), 5.00 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.64-3.99 (brs, 1 H), 1.98-1.86 (m, 2 H), 1.67-1.55 (m, 1 H), 1.51-1.40 (m, 1 H), 1.37-1.27 (m, 4 H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.2, 147.6, 137.1, 129.7, 123.5, 121.1, 118.4, 113.2, 105.5, 67.6, 34.9, 31.5, 25.4, 22.5, 13.9; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{19}N_2OS$ [M+H]⁺: 275.1213. Found: 275.1219.

Thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazol-3-yl-cyclohexan-1-ol (3Da)

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.0 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (50.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-ethynylcyclohexanol (99.6 mg, 0.80 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (29.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA =

2/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a white solid (33.3 mg, 62%). Mp 240–241 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.42 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (s, 1 H), 5.66 (s, 1 H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 2 H), 1.90-1.79 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.65 (m, 3 H), 1.63-1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 156.9, 147.9, 141.8, 130.3, 122.9, 120.2, 117.9, 116.0, 104.9, 68.8, 35.3, 25.1, 21.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}N_2OS [M+H]^+$: 273.1062. Found: 273.1086.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ab) and 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ab')^[6]

3ab (6-Me) + 3ab' (7-Me)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.1 mg, 0.41 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene (27.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercapto-5-methylbenzimidazole (43.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compounds (inseparable mixture) as a yellow solid (32.9 mg, 56%, 1.1:1).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.55-7.44 (m, 9 H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 (s, 1 H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (s, 1 H), 6.51 (s, 1 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.31 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 156.4, 148.7, 146.5, 136.3, 133.5, 133.0, 133.0, 130.6, 130.04, 130.00, 129.31, 129.27, 127.98, 127.95, 127.86, 127.81, 125.1, 122.1, 119.0, 118.8, 111.5, 111.0, 107.7, 107.5, 21.8, 21.6.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-nitro-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ac) and 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-nitro-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3ac')

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-A** with CuI (3.9 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.7 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene (27.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercapto-5-nitrobenzimidazole (51.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 100 °C for 46 h. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1 to 1/1, with 0.5% Et_3N) to afford the title compounds **3ac** and **3ac'** (38.8 mg, 58%, 1.1:1).

Yellow solid (18.8 mg, 28%). Mp 272–273 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (s, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.66-7.59 (m, 4 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 152.8, 141.3, 137.3, 133.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 126.6, 119.5, 119.1, 109.5, 108.3; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₅H₉ClN₃O₂S [M+H]⁺: 330.0099. Found: 330.0105.

Yellow solid (20.0 mg, 30%), Mp 234-237 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.96 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.58-7.49 (m, 4 H), 7.21 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.73 (s, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76) **MHz, CDCl₃**) δ 160.2, 148.0, 144.3, 137.0, 133.4, 132.8, 130.1, 129.7, 126.9, 116.0, 115.7, 111.3, 109.9; **HRMS** calcd for $C_{15}H_9CIN_3O_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 330.0099. Found: 330.0107.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methoxy-thiazolo [3,2-a] benzimidazole (3ad) and 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methoxy-thiazolo[3,2-a|benzimidazole (3ad')

The reaction was performed following slightly modified GP-A with CuI (7.9 mg, 0.04 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (14.4 mg, 0.08 mmol), I₂ (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K₂CO₃ (55.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene (27.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercapto-5methoxybenzimidazole (46.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C for 26 h. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compounds 3ad and 3ad' (41.0 mg, 64%, 1.3:1).

Yellow solid (18.1 mg, 28%). Mp 212–213 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H),

7.55 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.70 (s, 1 H), 6.59 (s, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H); ¹³C **NMR** (125.76 **MHz**, **CDCl**₃) δ 154.6, 136.4, 132.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.4, 129.2, 127.8, 119.6, 112.0, 107.9, 96.5, 55.9; **HRMS** calcd for C₁₆H₁₂CIN₂OS [M+H]⁺: 315.0353. Found: 315.0350.

Yellow solid (22.9 mg, 36%). Mp 213-214 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.40-7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 1 H), 6.71 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.57 (s, 1 H), 3.71 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 136.3, 133.1, 130.1, 130.0, 129.3, 129.2, 127.9, 112.1, 110.5, 107.2, 101.7, 55.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₂ClN₂OS [M+H]⁺: 315.0353. Found: 315.0356.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-methyl-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3jb) and 3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7-methyl-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3jb')^[6]

3jb (6-Me) + 3jb' (7-Me)

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.7 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.2 mg, 0.41 mmol), phenylacetylene (21.9 μ L, d = 0.93 g/mL, 20.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercapto-5-methylbenzimidazole (43.2 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5/1 to 3/1) to afford the title compounds (inseparable mixture) as a white solid (28.8 mg, 54%, 1.2:1).

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69-7.61 (m, 5 H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 7 H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.00 (s, 1 H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.554 (s, 1 H), 6.549 (s, 1 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 157.1, 156.6, 149.1, 146.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.1, 130.2, 130.04, 130.00, 129.54, 129.52, 128.91, 128.88, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 124.8, 121.8, 119.0, 118.7, 111.6, 111.1, 106.9, 106.7, 21.7, 21.6.

3-Phenyl-6-methoxy-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3jd) and 3-phenyl-7-methox y-thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (3jd')

The reaction was performed following **GP-A** with CuI (3.8 mg, 0.02 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (7.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), I_2 (51.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), phenylacetylene (21.9 μ L, d = 0.93 g/mL, 20.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercapto-

5-methoxybenzimidazole (47.0 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of CH₃CN at 80 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10/1 to 3/1) to afford the title compounds **3jd** and **3jd'** (29.6 mg, 53%, 1.5:1).

White solid (11.8 mg, 21%). Mp 109–110 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70-7.62 (m, 3 H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 3 H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.58 (s, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.9, 154.5, 143.1, 133.9, 130.3, 130.2, 129.4, 128.94, 128.90, 119.5, 112.1, 107.2, 96.4, 55.8; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 281.0743. Found: 281.0740.

White solid (17.8 mg, 32%). Mp 137–139 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60-7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 1 H), 7.05 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.51 (s, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3, 156.7, 149.8, 134.2, 130.1, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 124.8, 112.0, 110.1, 106.5, 101.5, 55.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 281.0743. Found: 281.0741.

Gram-scale synthesis of 3aa

To a Schlenk tube (50 mL) were added I_2 (1.0 mmol), K_2CO_3 (10.0 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole **2a** (6.5 mmol), CuI (0.5 mmol), 1,10-phen (**L-1**) (1.0 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene **1a** (mg, 5 mmol), and 10 mL of CH₃CN sequentially under air and then the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. The tube was then sealed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 22 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford **3aa** as a white solid (1.0 g, 70%).

Syntheses and characterization of 2-substituted thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazoles (4)

2-(4-Chlorophenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a|benzimidazole (4aa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-chlorophenylacetylene (27.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.2 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (40.6 mg, 71%), along with **3aa** (8.2 mg, 14%). Mp 226–227 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4, 147.0, 134.8, 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 127.0, 123.9, 121.5, 119.2, 111.8, 110.3; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₀ClN₂S [M+H]⁺: 285.0248. Found: 285.0258.

2-(4-Bromophenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a|benzimidazole (4ba)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.7 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.2 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-bromophenylacetylene (35.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.2 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (38.5 mg, 59%), along with **3ba** (13.3 mg, 20%). Mp 223–224 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1 H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4, 147.5, 132.4, 130.2, 129.6, 128.3, 127.2, 123.8, 122.8, 121.4, 119.4, 112.8, 110.2; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{10}BrN_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 328.9743. Found: 328.9740.

2-(4-Cyanophenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazole (4da)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.4 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-cyanophenylacetylene (25.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.3 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (39.5 mg, 71%), along with **3da** (3.5 mg, 6%). Mp 234–236 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 1 H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 147.7, 135.7, 133.0, 129.5, 127.2, 126.0, 124.2, 121.7, 119.5, 118.2, 114.6, 112.0, 110.3; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₀N₃S [M+H]⁺: 276.0590. Found: 276.0588.

2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazole (4ka)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.2 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (50.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.5 mg, 0.40 mmol), 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetylene (47.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.0 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (57.1 mg, 74%), along with **3ka** (8.7 mg, 11%). Mp 223–226 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1 H), 8.02 (s, 2 H), 7.93 (s, 1 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.0, 147.9, 133.6, 132.9 (q, J = 33.8 Hz), 129.6, 122.9 (q, J = 272.6 Hz), 125.9, 125.6, 125.5, 124.2, 122.1 (sep, J = 3.8 Hz), 121.8, 119.6, 114.8, 110.3; HRMS calcd for $C_{17}H_9F_6N_2S$ [M+H]⁺: 387.0385. Found: 287.0394.

2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a]benzimidazole (4ga)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.3 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.2 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.2 mg, 0.41 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylacetylene (27.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.0 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The

crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 3/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (13.6 mg, 71%), along with **3ga** (29.5 mg, 52%). Mp 152–155 °C.

¹**H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H); ¹³**C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 160.2, 155.7, 147.5, 129.7, 129.6, 127.3, 123.8, 123.4, 121.1, 119.2, 114.7, 111.2, 110.1, 55.4; **HRMS** calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2OS$ [M+H]⁺: 281.0743. Found: 281.0741.

2-(4-Propylphenyl)thiazolo[3, 2-a|benzimidazole (4ha)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (15.8 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-propylphenylacetylene (28.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (25.3 mg, 44%), along with **3ha** (22.1 mg, 38%). Mp 134–136 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (s, 1 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 3 H), 2.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 1.64-1.54 (m, 2 H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 147.3, 143.8, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 125.8, 123.5, 121.2, 119.2, 111.8, 110.2, 37.7, 24.3, 13.7; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₇N₂S [M+H]⁺: 293.1107. Found: 293.1107.

2-Thiophen-2-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4la)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (15.9 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (56.0 mg, 0.41 mmol), 2-ethynylthiophene (22.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.2 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (25.2 mg, 48%), along with **3la** (11.7 mg, 22%). Mp 147–150 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81-7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.07 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.2, 147.5, 133.1, 129.6, 128.0, 125.84, 125.80, 123.7, 123.0, 121.4, 119.3, 112.5, 110.2; HRMS calcd for $C_{13}H_9N_2S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 257.0202. Found: 257.0210.

2-Pyridin-2-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4na)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-ethynylpyridine **1n** (20.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole **2a** (39.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (39.8 mg, 80%), along with **3na** (2.6 mg, 5%). Mp 213–214 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.13 (s, 1 H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (td, J = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (dd, J = 6.8, 5.3 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 149.9, 149.7, 147.8, 136.7, 130.7, 129.6, 123.8, 122.8, 121.3, 119.3, 118.7, 114.5, 110.2; HRMS calcd for C₁₄H₁₀N₃S [M+H]⁺: 252.0950. Found: 252.0953.

2-Pyridin-4-ylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (40a)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.2 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (50.7 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 4-ethynylpyridine (20.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.1 mg, 0.26 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/2, with 0.5% Et₃N) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (41.9 mg, 84%), along with **30a** (3.8 mg, impure, <8%). Mp 188–190 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73-8.57 (m, 2 H), 8.12 (s, 1 H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 150.6, 147.9, 138.7, 129.5, 126.3, 124.2, 121.6, 119.6, 115.0, 110.3; HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}N_3S$ [M+H]⁺: 252.0590. Found: 252.0599; HRMS calcd for $C_{14}H_{10}N_3S$ [M+H]⁺: 252.0950. Found: 252.0951.

2-(Triethylsilyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4qa)

The reaction was performed following slightly modified **GP-C** with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (15.6 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.9 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.4 mg, 0.26 mmol), (triethylsilyl)acetylene (27.9 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5/1) to afford the title compound as a colourless liquid (40.9 mg, 71%) (Regioisomer **3qa** was not observed.)

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.04 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 0.86 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 148.9, 129.1, 123.6, 121.8, 120.7, 119.1, 110.3, 7.1, 3.7; HRMS calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}N_2SSi$ [M+H]⁺: 289.1190. Found: 289.1195.

2-Butylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4ua)^[5]

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.1 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (55.7 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (39.0 mg, 0.26 mmol), hex-1-yne (22.5 μ L, d = 0.715 g/mL, 16.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (19.1 mg, 42%), along with **3ua** (5.1 mg, 11%). Mp 93–94 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (s, 1 H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.75-1.65 (m, 2 H), 1.49-1.39 (m, 2 H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.3, 147.2, 130.8, 129.5, 123.1, 120.8, 119.0, 113.0, 110.0, 32.2, 28.5, 22.0, 13.6.

2-Phenoxymethylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4xa)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (16.4 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.5 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3 (54.6 mg, 0.40 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.5 mg, 0.26 mmol), phenyl propargyl ether (27.1 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 1/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (32.9 mg, 57%), along with **3xa** (3.0 mg, 5%). Mp 184–185 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (s, 1 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.99-6.89 (m, 3 H), 5.10 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 156.5, 129.7, 125.0, 123.7, 122.1, 121.2, 119.3, 116.0, 115.1, 110.1, 63.9; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₁₃N₂OS [M+H]⁺: 281.0743. Found: 281.0744.

2-Phenylthiomethylthiazolo[3,2-a]benzimidazole (4ya)

The reaction was performed following **GP-C** with CuI (9.5 mg, 0.05 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phen (**L-2**) (15.5 mg, 0.06 mmol), I_2 (51.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), K_2CO_3

(56.1 mg, 0.41 mmol), 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (38.9 mg, 0.26 mmol), phenyl propargyl sulfide (29.2 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1 mL of DMSO at 40 °C. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 4/1) to afford the title compound as a white solid (39.5 mg, 68%), along with **3ya** (4.4 mg, 7%). Mp 148–149 °C.

¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3 H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 147.1, 133.8, 131.5, 129.3, 129.2, 127.8, 127.3, 123.5, 121.1, 119.1, 115.0, 110.1, 33.4; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 297.0515. Found: 297.0520.

Gram-scale synthesis of 4na

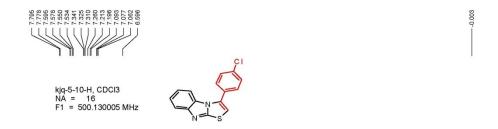
To a 100 mL round-bottomed flask were added 2-mercaptobenzimidazole 2a (978.0 mg, 6.51 mmol), I_2 (1.2672 g, 4.99 mmol), K_2CO_3 (1.3811 g, 10.06 mmol), CI (238.7 mg, 1.25 mmol), 2,9-diisopropyl-1,10-phenanthroline (**L-2**) (398.0 mg, 1.51 mmol), 2-ethynylpyridine 1n (515.6 mg, 5.00 mmol), and 25 mL of DMSO sequentially under air and then the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. The flask was then sealed with a rubber stopper and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 18 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EA (120 mL), washed with water (50 mL) and brine (2 x 50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Filtration, concentration, and purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 2/1, with 0.5% Et₃N) afforded the desired product as a yellow solid (0.975 g, 78%, contaminated with trace of 3na).

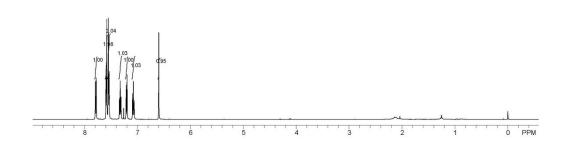
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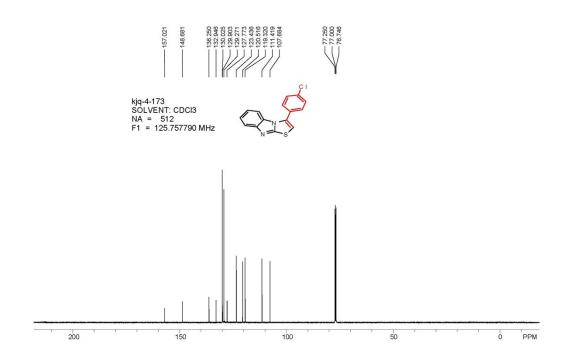
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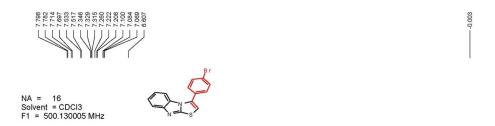
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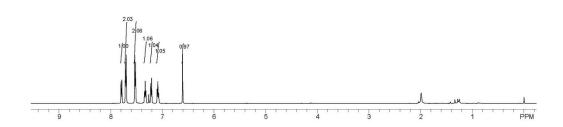


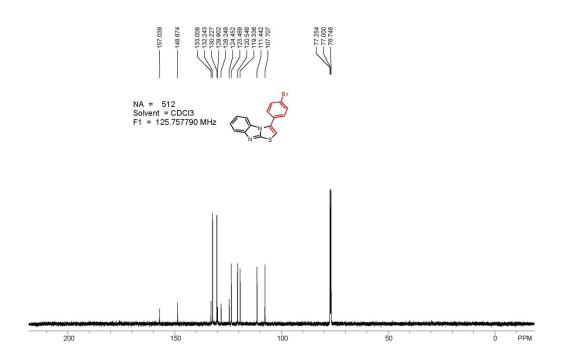




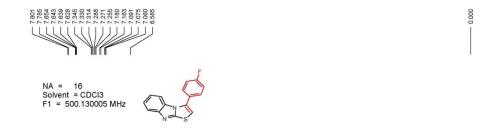
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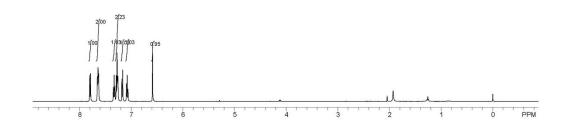


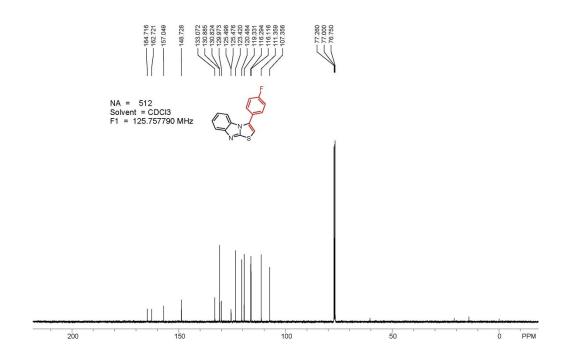




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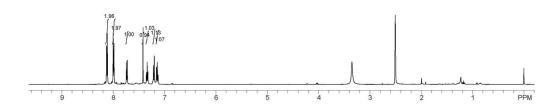


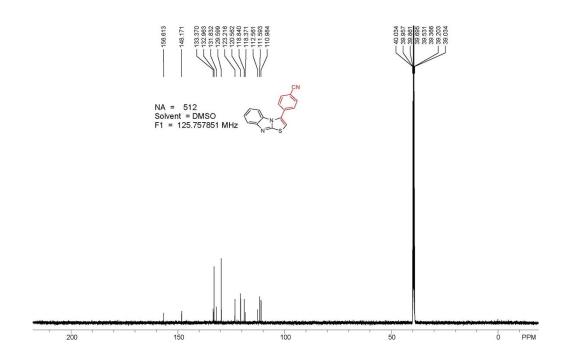




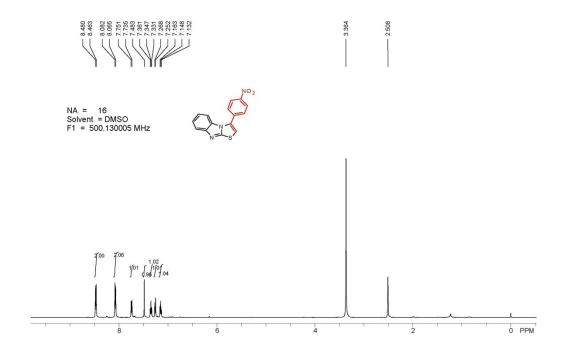
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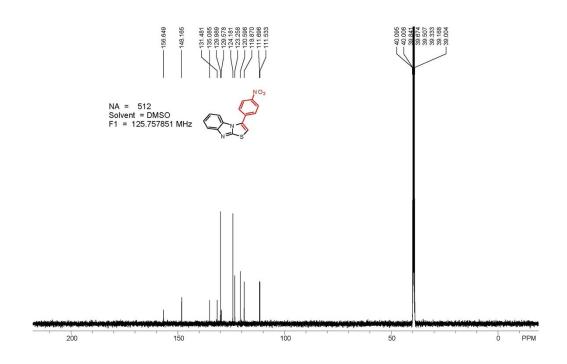




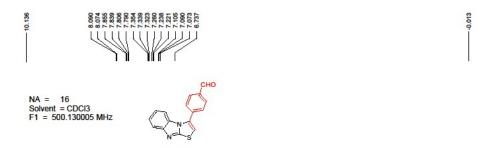


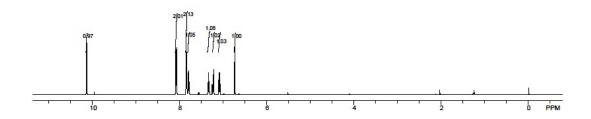
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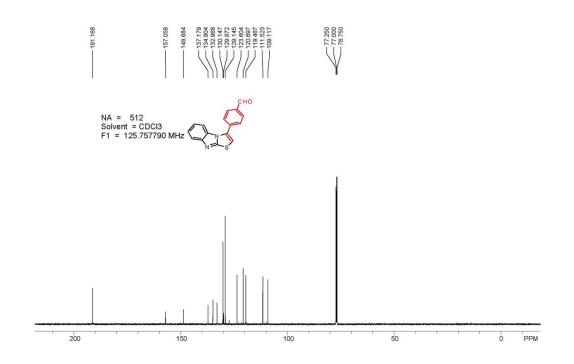




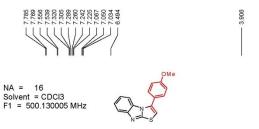
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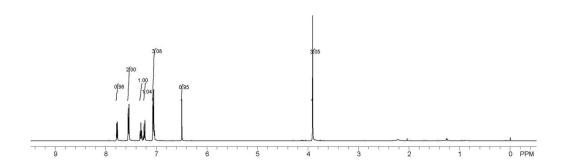


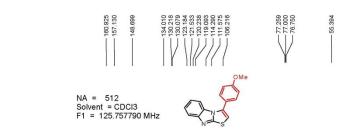


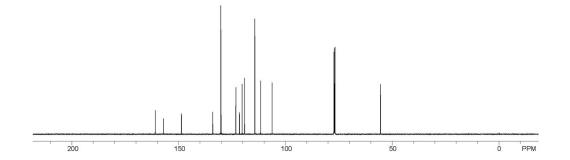


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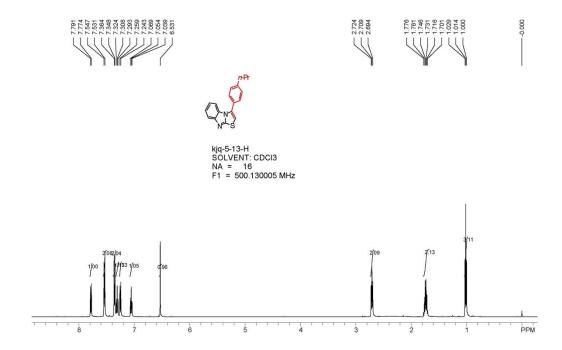


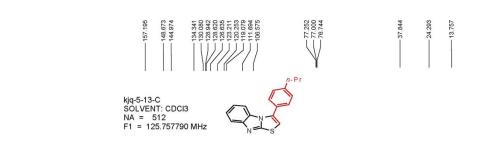


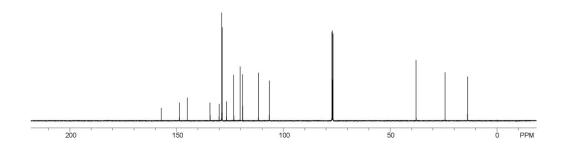




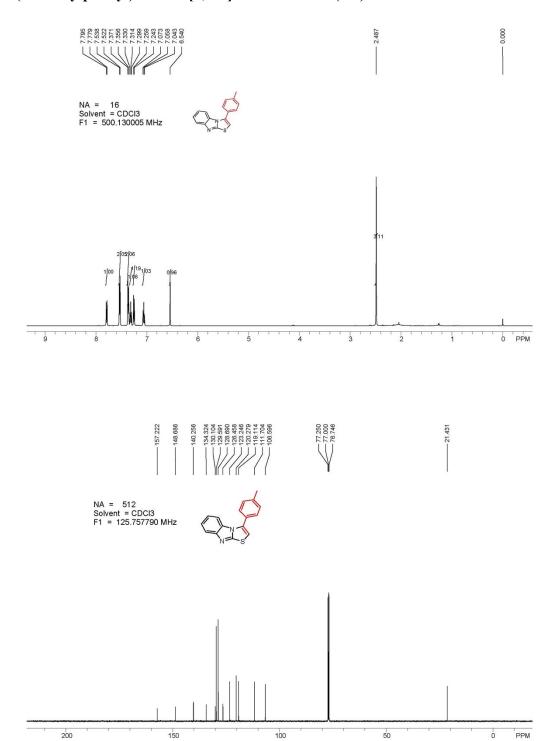
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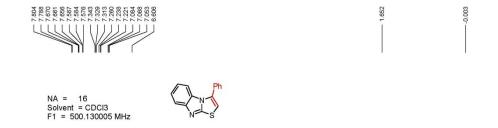


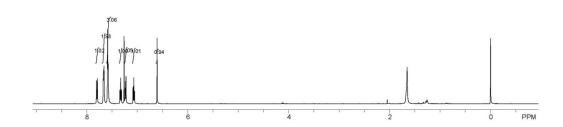


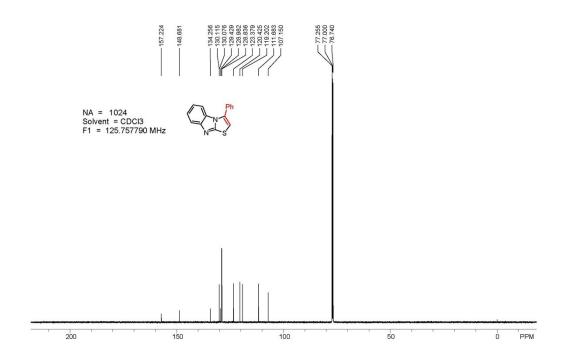
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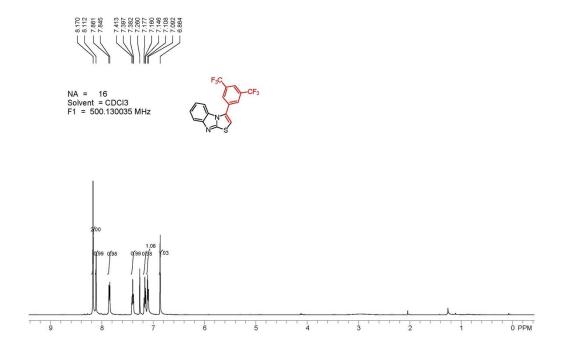
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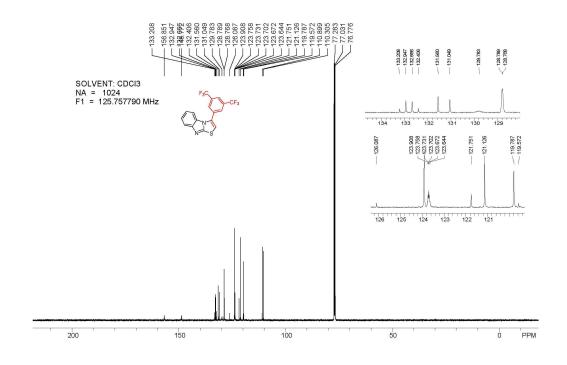




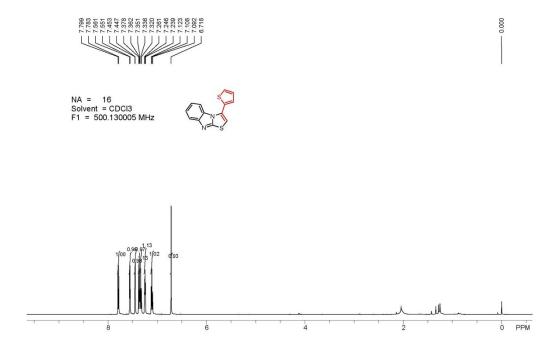


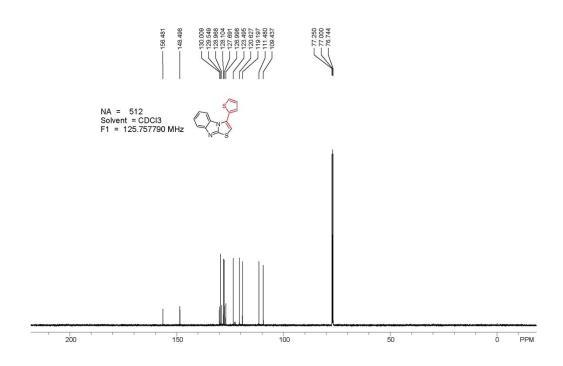
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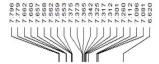


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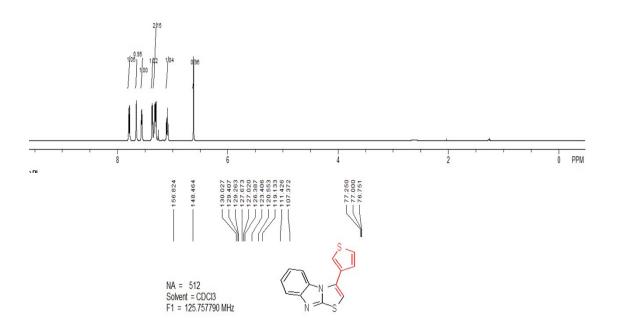


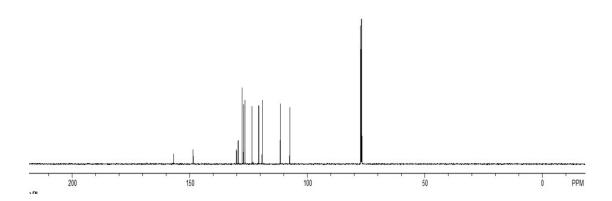
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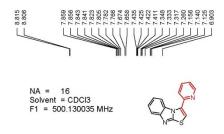


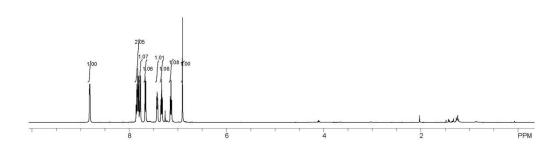
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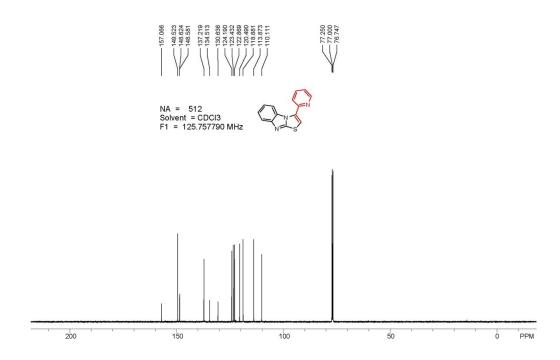




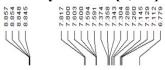
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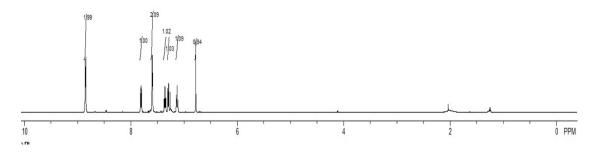


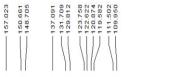
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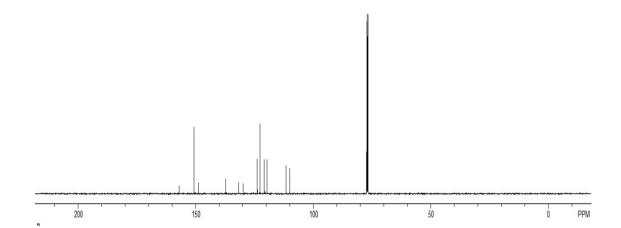




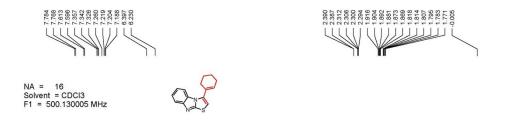


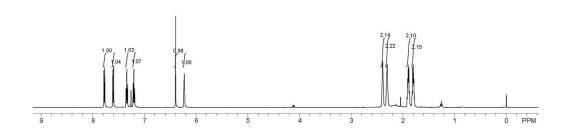
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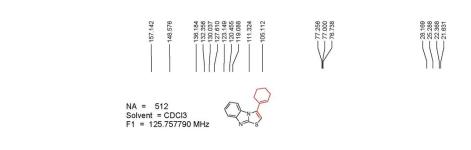


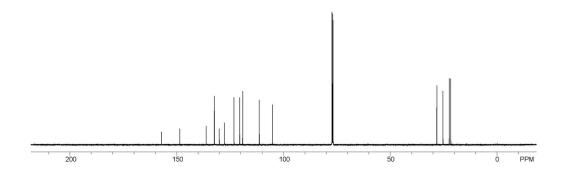


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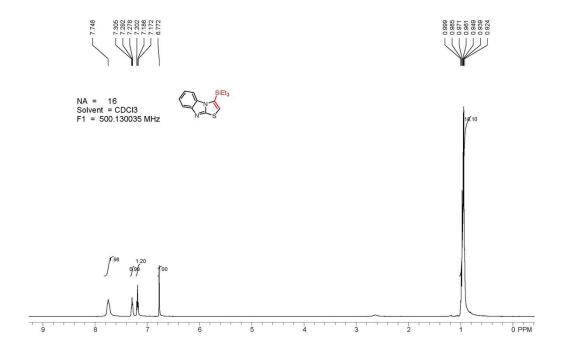


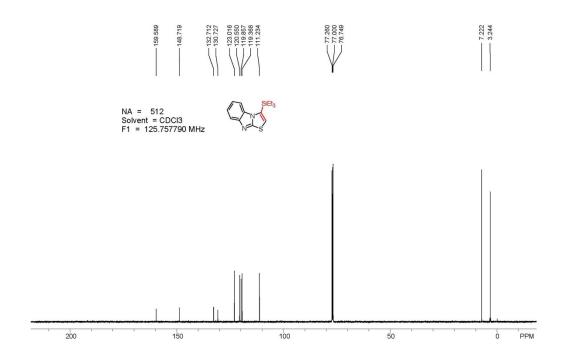




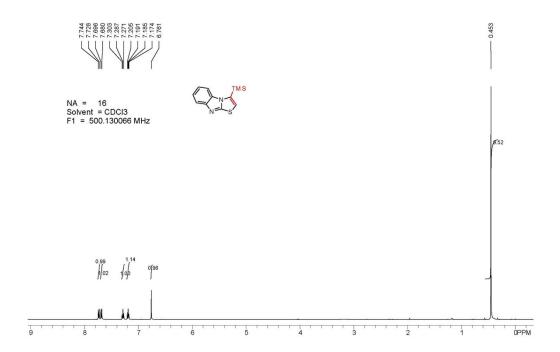


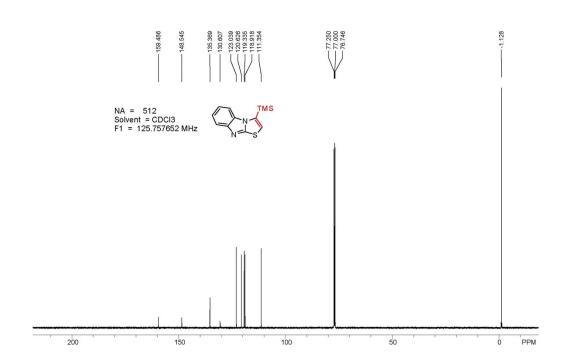
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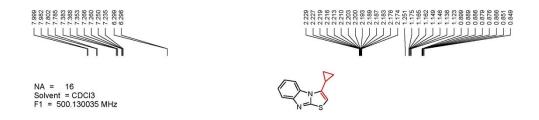


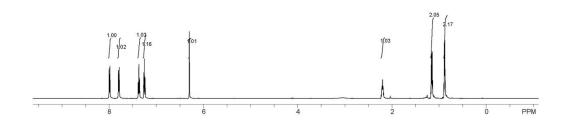
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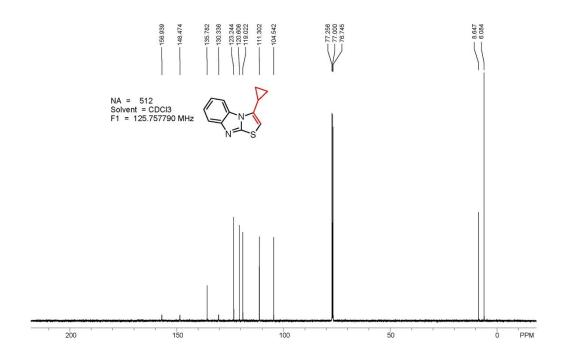




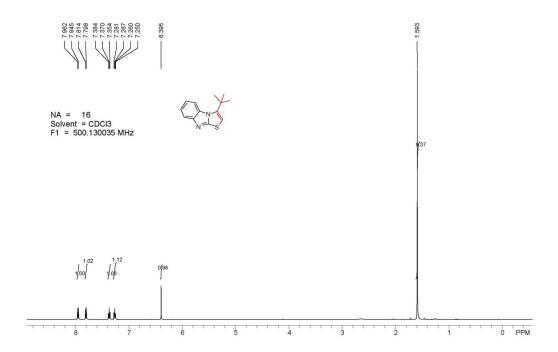
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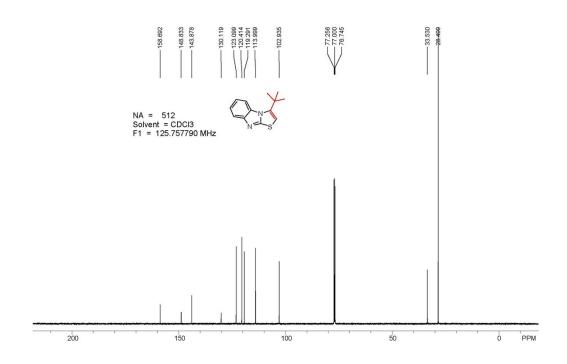




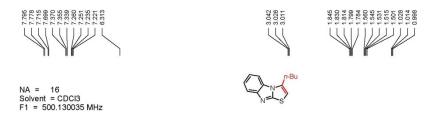


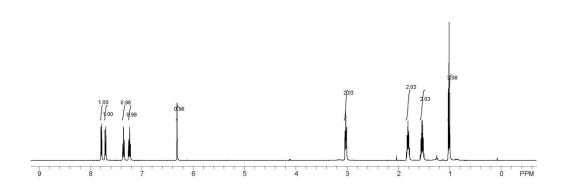
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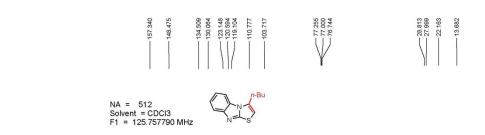


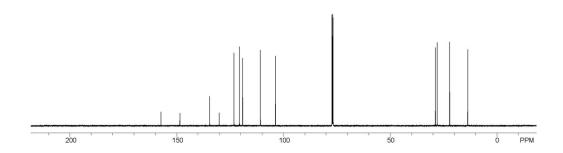


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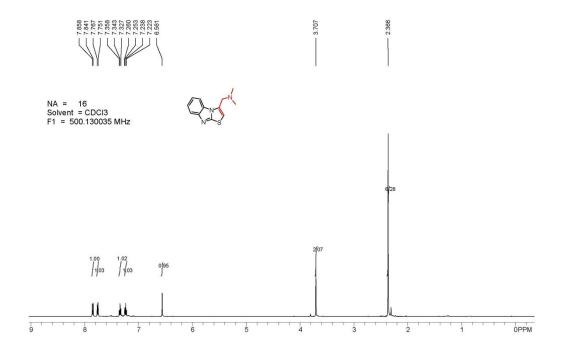


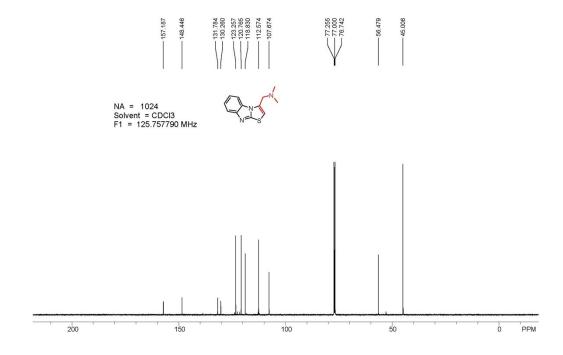




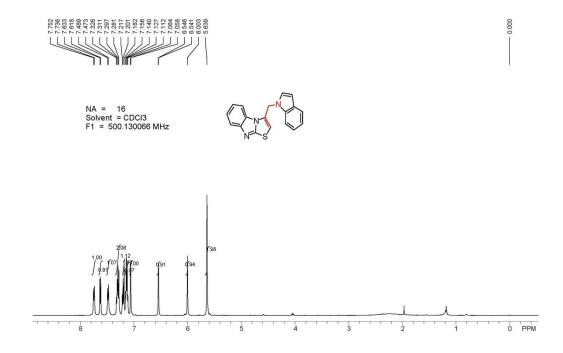


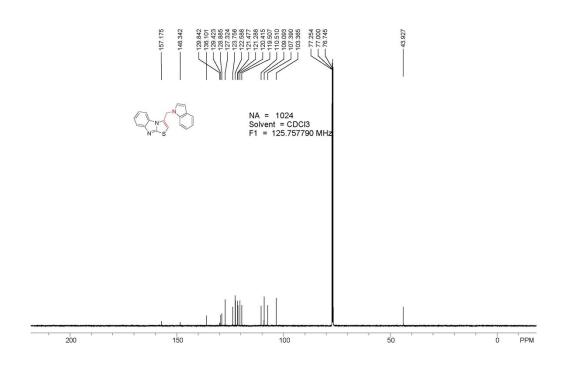
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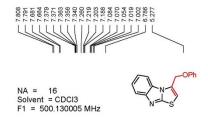


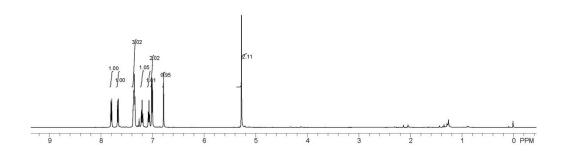
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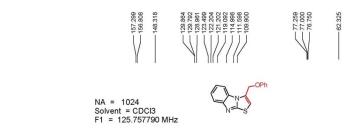


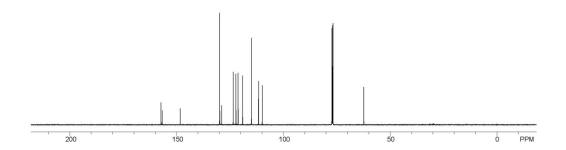


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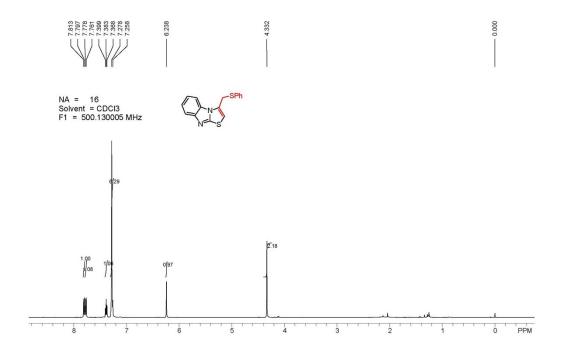


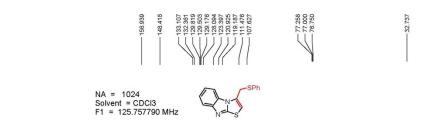


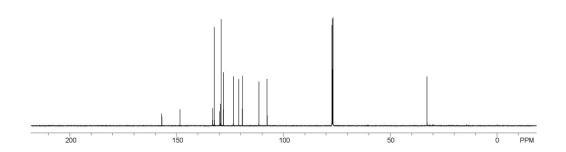




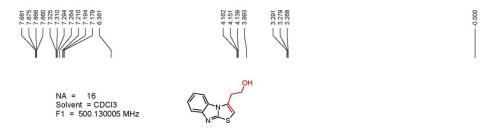
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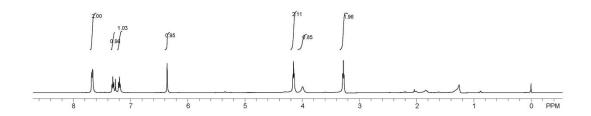


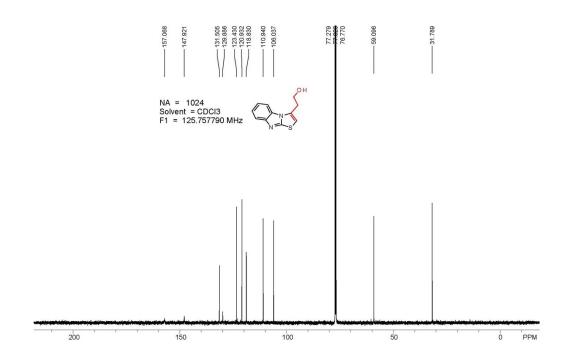




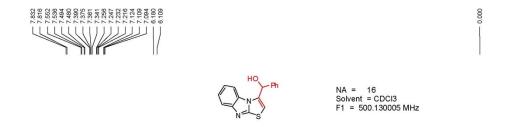
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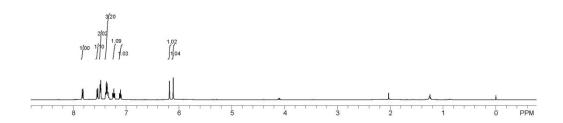


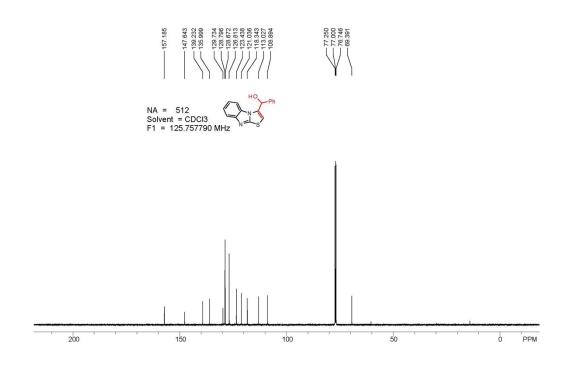




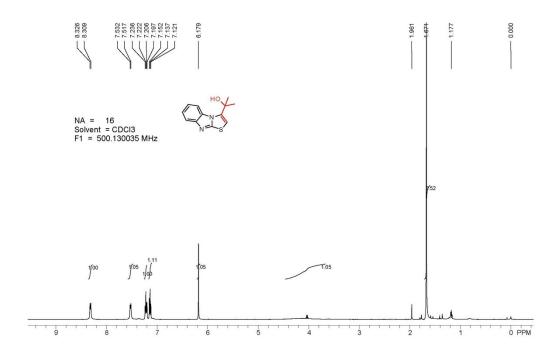
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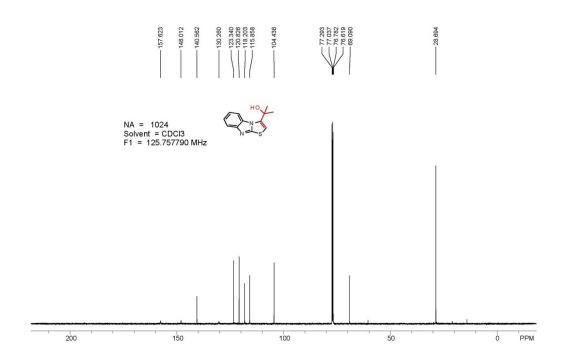




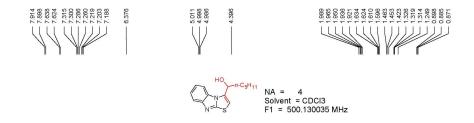


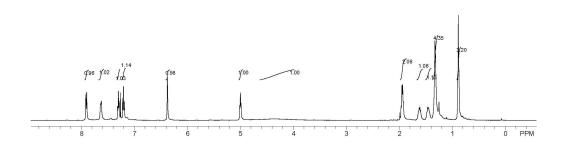
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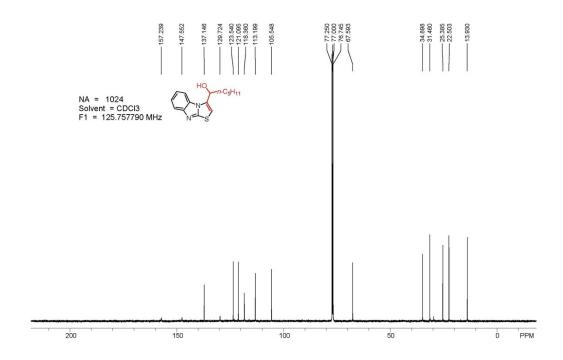




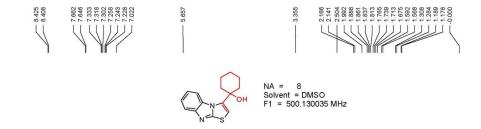
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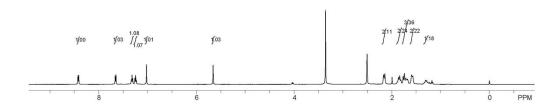


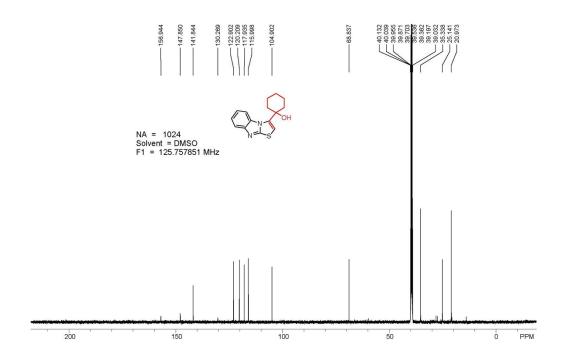




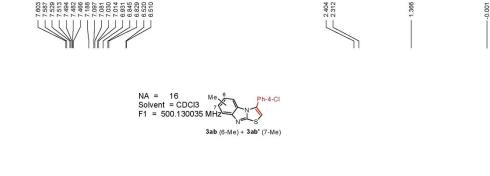
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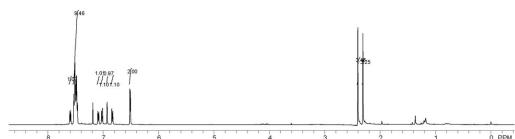


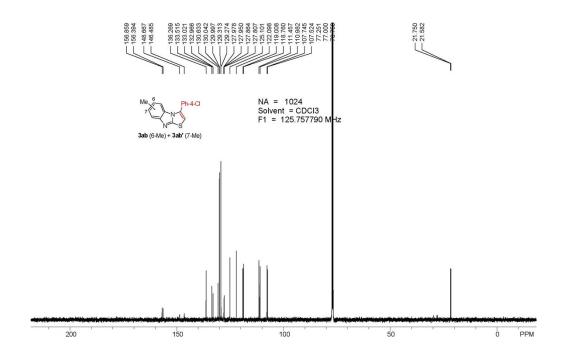




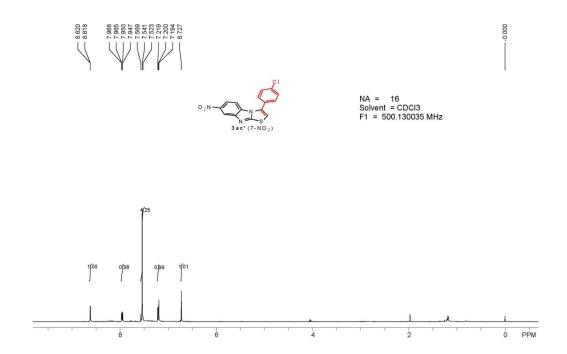
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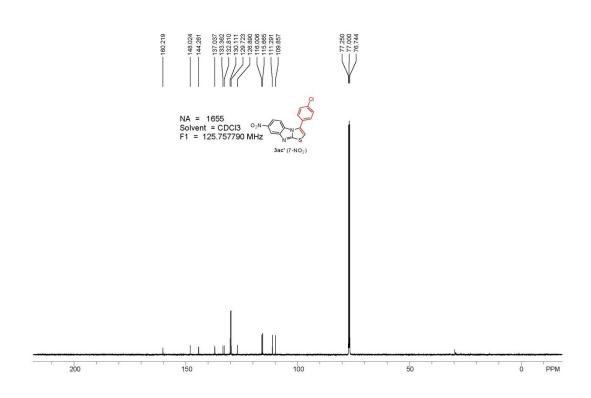




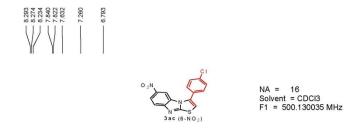


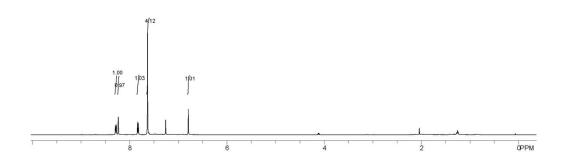
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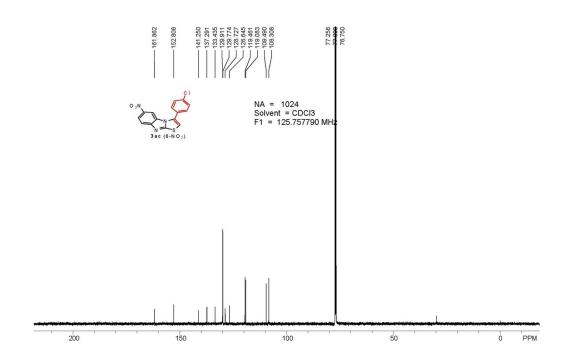




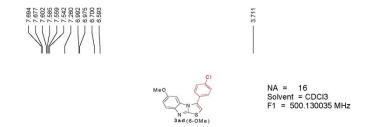
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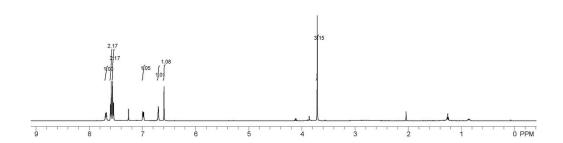


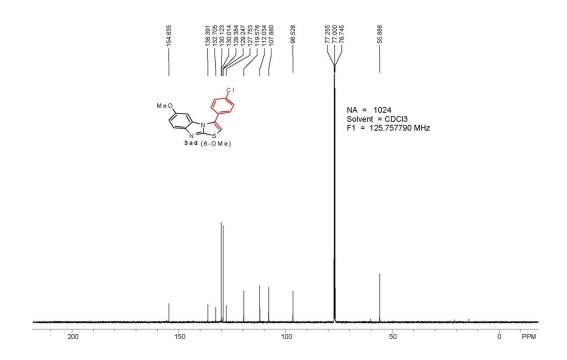




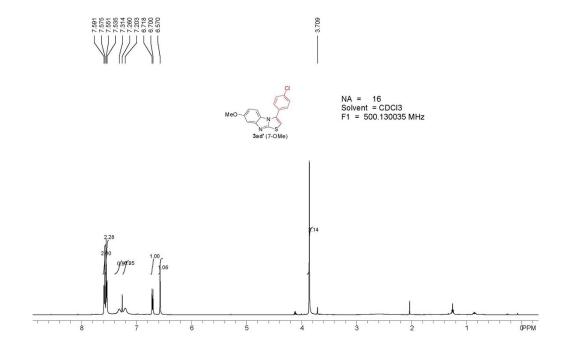
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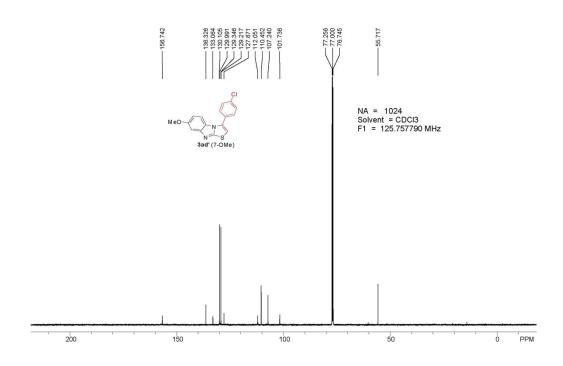




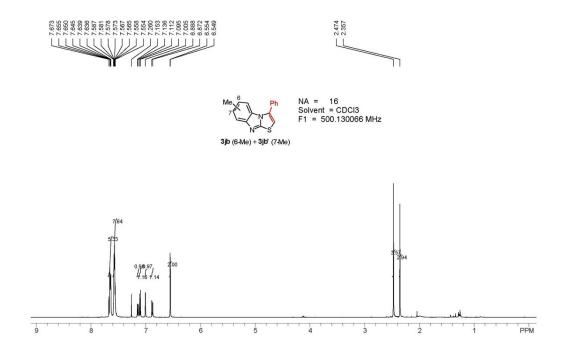


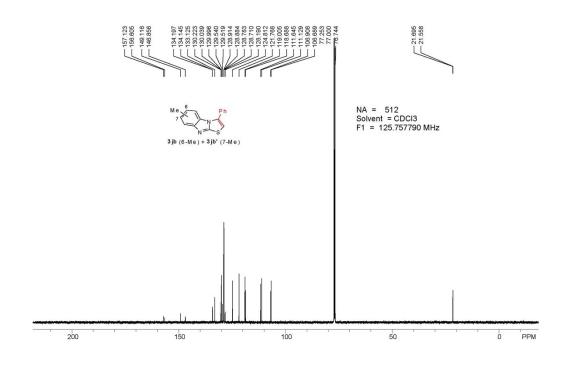
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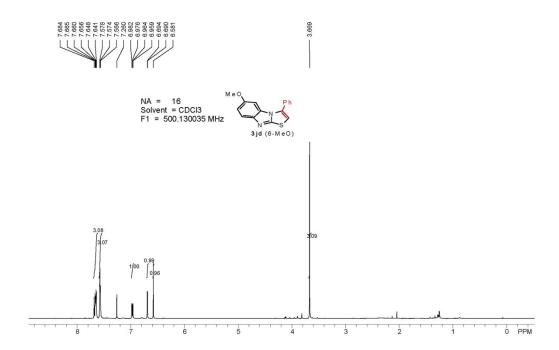


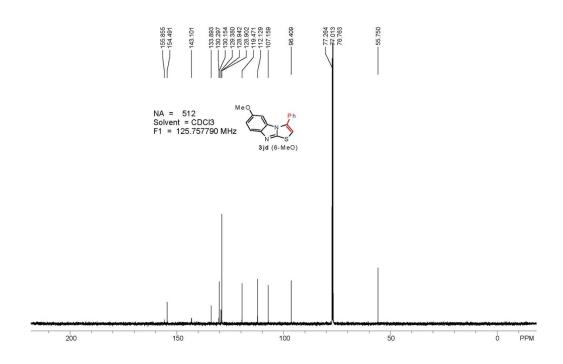
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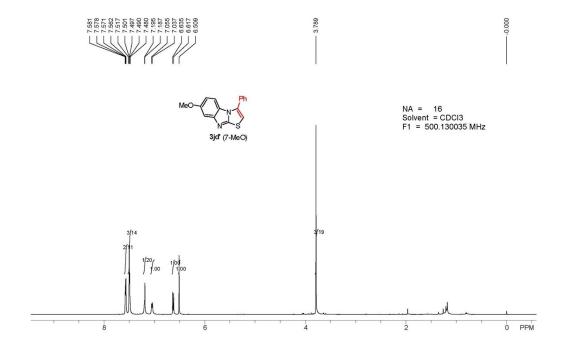


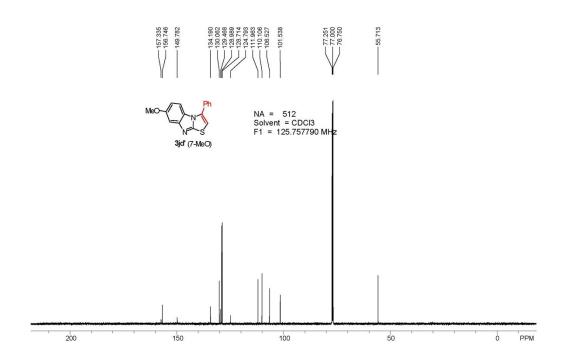
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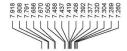


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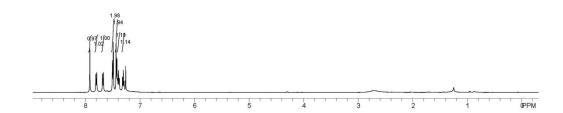


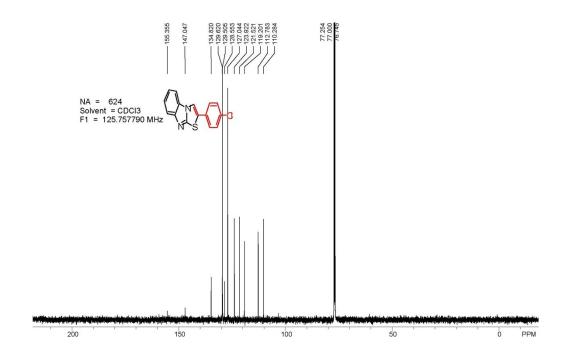
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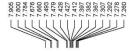


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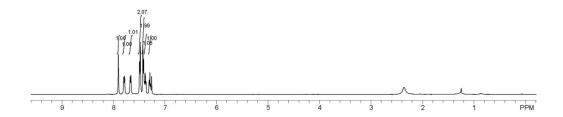


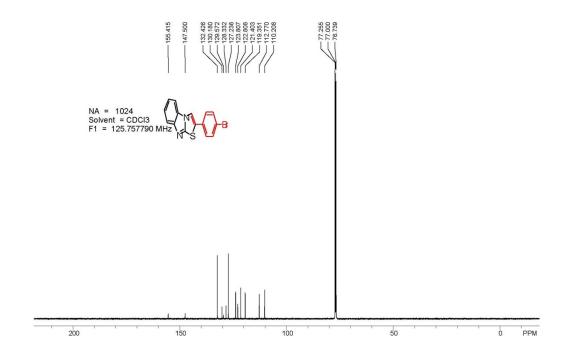
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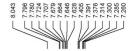
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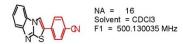


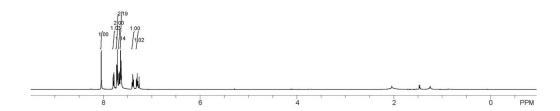


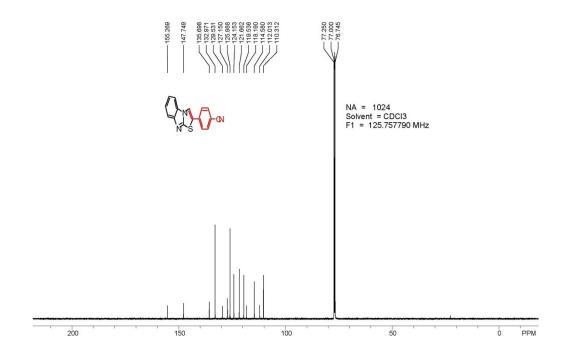


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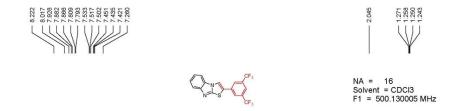


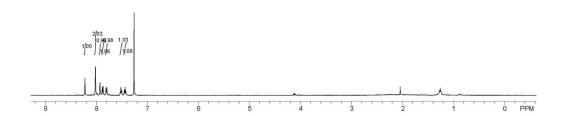


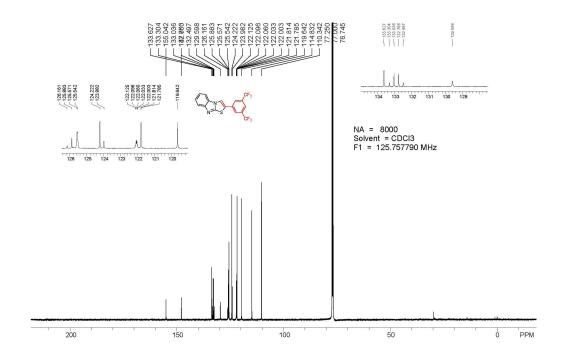




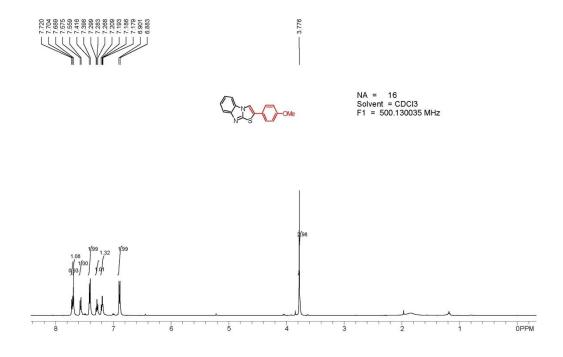
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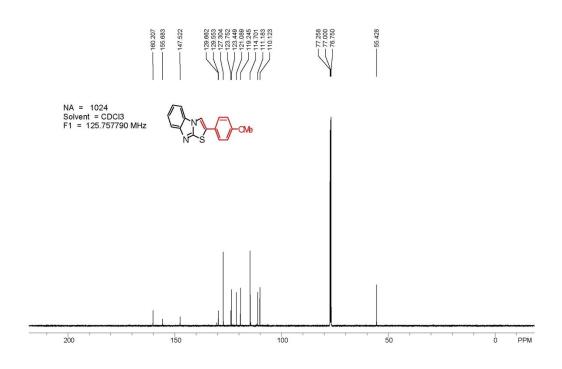




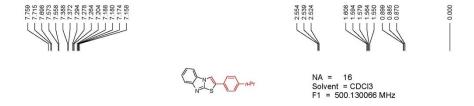


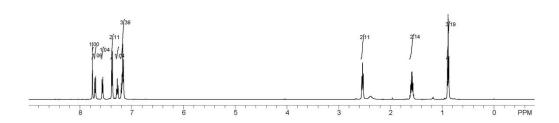
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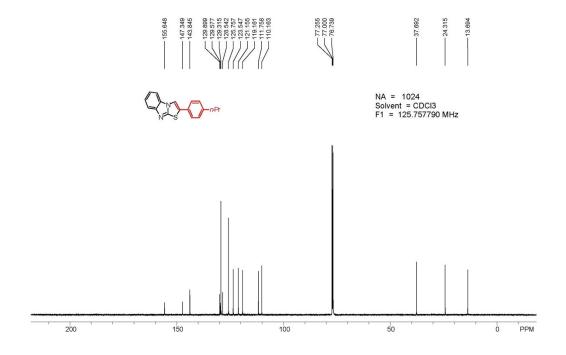




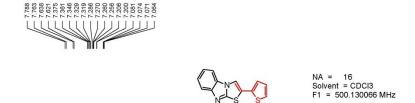
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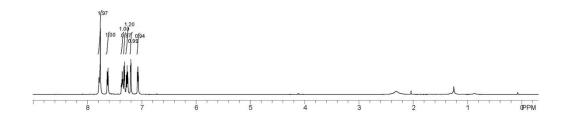


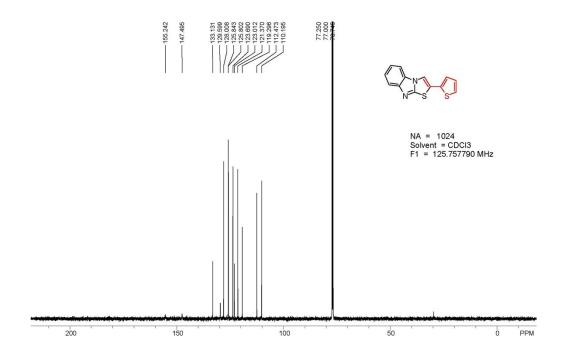




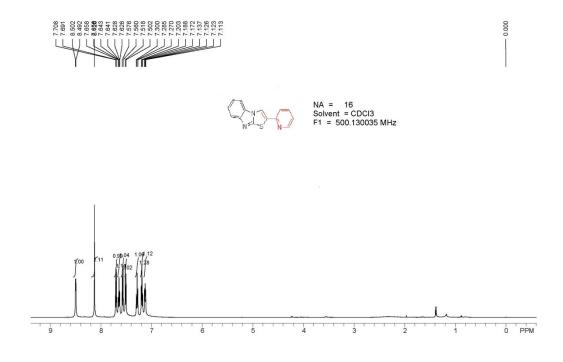
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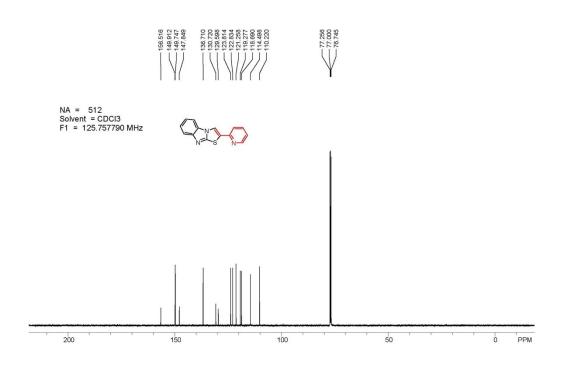




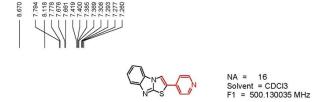


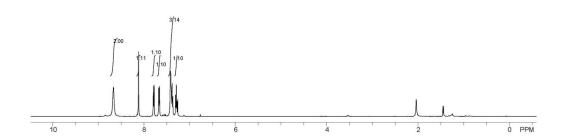
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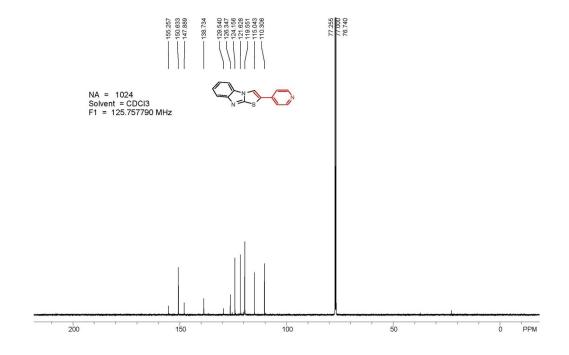




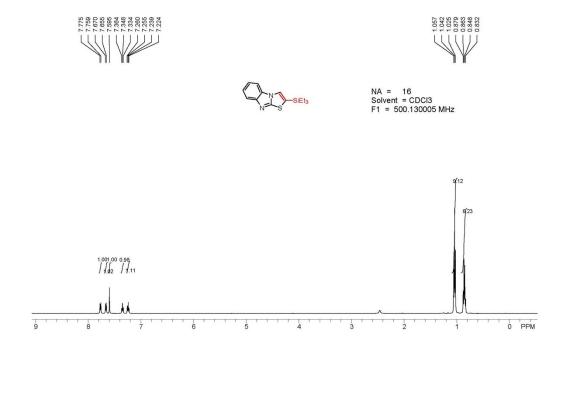
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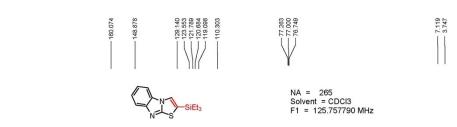


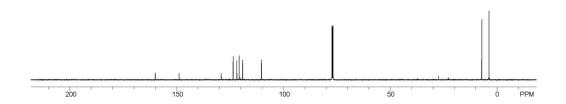




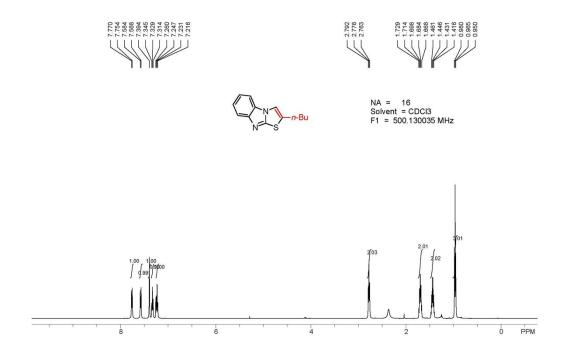
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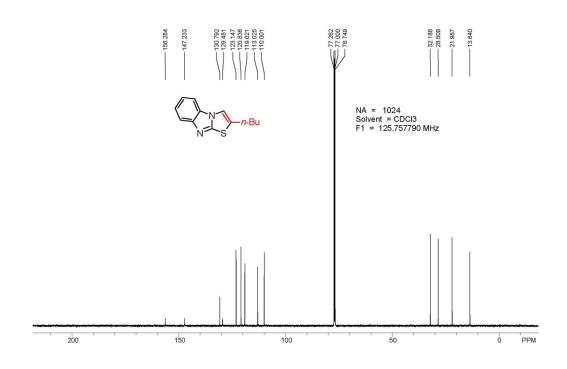




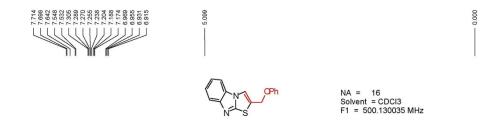


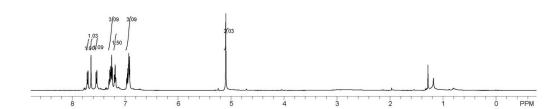
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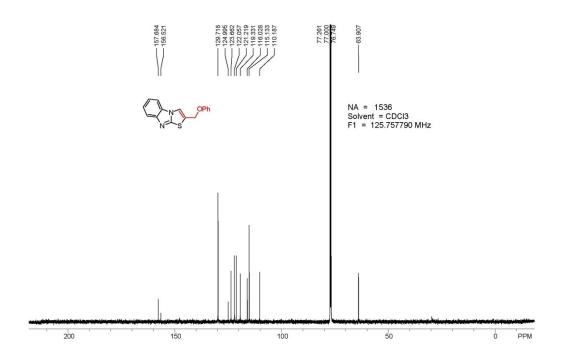




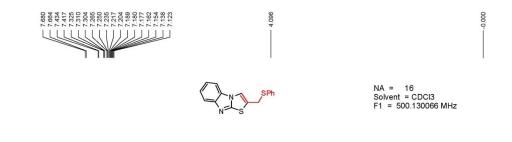
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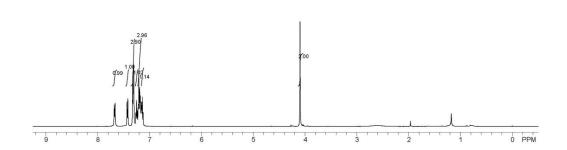


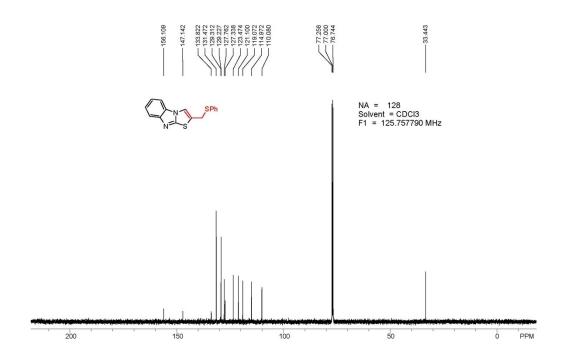




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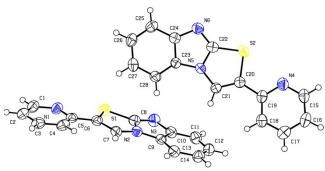






Crystal data and structure refinement for 4na

Extinction coefficient



CCDC Number 1847875 C14 H9 N3 S Empirical formula Formula weight 251.30 Crystal size, mm3 $0.05\times0.04\times0.03$ Temperature, T 298(2) K Wavelength, λ (Å) 0.71073 Crystal system Orthorhombic Space group Pca21 a = 22.656(3) ÅUnit cell dimensions b = 5.7765(7) Åc = 17.163(2) Å $\alpha = 90^{\circ}, \ \gamma = 90^{\circ}, \ \beta = 90^{\circ}$ 2246.2(5) Volume, V (Å³) 8 Calculated density, Mg·m⁻³ 1.486 Absorption coefficient, μ (mm⁻¹) 0.270 F(000) 1040 θ range for data collection 1.80° to 25.50° Limiting indices $-27 \le h \le 27, -6 \le k \le 6,$ $-20 \le I \le 20$ Reflection collected/unique 18087 / 4147 [R(int) = 0.0413] Completeness to θ = 25.50 99.9 % Absorption correction Semi-empirical from equivalents Max. and min. transmission 0.9607 and 0.9381 'SHELXL-2016/6' Full-matrix least-squares on F2 Refinement method Data/restraints/parameters 4147 / 1 / 326 Goodness-of-fit on F2 1.090 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0366, wR2 = 0.0976 R1 = 0.0380, wR2 = 0.0988 R indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole 0.304 and -0.308 $e\!\cdot\!\text{Å}^{-3}$ Absolute structure parameter 0.14(7)

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